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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REFUSAL OF ENTRY TO AMCIT, BETTY DURHAM

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1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT A FURTHER LETTER FROM MR. ROBERT W. OWEN TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE MATTER OF MRS. BETTY DURHAM AND HER DAUGHTER, WHO WERE REFUSED RE-ENTRY TO ISRAEL AT THE ALLENBY BRIDGE LAST OCTOBER.
 2. MR. OWEN, WHO IS ACTING AS MRS. DURHAM'S ATTORNEY, HAS ASKED IF WE CAN OBTAIN FROM THE GOI A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS MRS. DURHAM WAS NOT ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER ISRAEL.
 3. MR. OWEN SAID MRS. DURHAM DOES NOT WANT TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF HER HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND AUTOMOBILE IN JERUSALEM
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FOR FEAR THEY WILL BE "CONFISCATED." HE ALSO SAID SHE DOES NOT HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HER ISRAELI ATTORNEY BECAUSE SHE FEELS HE IS NOT A VIGOROUS ADVOCATE OF HER INTERESTS. MRS.

DURHAM DOES NOT WISH TO RETURN TO ISRAEL AT THIS TIME TO PREPARE HER POSSESSIONS FOR SHIPMENT TO THE U.S.

4. GIVEN WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN THIS CASE, WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FURTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN DETAILS
OF GOI'S OBJECTIONS TO HER RE-ENTRY LAST OCTOBER.
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